

## **IOWA STATE COMMODITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Iowa State Commodity Advisory Council met at DBC Brokerage in Ankeny, Iowa on Friday, October 10, 2008. Council members in attendance were: Dean Flaws, Jane Heikenen, Ann Lehman, Donna Sevenich, Donna Becker, Diana Weber, Sherry Kaiser, Andrea Mahler, LaRae Doll, Rich Luze, Marge Carson, and Allison Ketter. Curtis DeWulf was absent.

### **Presentations:**

1. Gary Bornmueller, DBC Brokerage
2. Bob Colin, Food Marketing Service
3. John Murphy, UCG
4. Lori Gage, Roisum Elite
5. Joe DeAntoni, GVM
6. Land O Lakes, Integrated Services

### **Business Items:**

1. Roll call. New members Donna Sevenich, Donna Becker, Allison Ketter, and Diana Weber were introduced. Advisory Council Member sheets were distributed and updated.
2. Approval of minutes. Minutes from the April meeting were approved as read.
3. Dean asked for nominations for Chair-person and Recorder. Sherry Kaiser and Allison Ketter were nominated and accepted as Co-Chairs. Ann Lehman was nominated and accepted as Recorder.
4. Information sheets were updated. Dean distributed an Iowa map to point out where each member was from, along with term limits.
5. Vouchers and claim sheets were completed and collected.
6. Date for spring meeting was set for February 20, 2009 at DBC Brokerage in Ankeny, with the bid meeting being set for April 3 at Des Moines Public Schools main kitchen.

The committee voted to skip lunch and proceed with the meeting.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Addendum to agenda
  - a. Whole Wheat Un crustables – There is a shortage due to a shortage of whole wheat flour at the processing plant. Demand has been great.
  - b. Grilled Chicken Patty – Pierre is out of the chicken business so these are unavailable this year. Will bid on them again in April.
  - c. FNS pilot project – We have been asked to sample whole grain pancakes and tortillas and then answer survey questions for a project conducted by Texas A&M. All commodity board members volunteered to be a part of this project.
  - d. Breakfast Breaks- Dean asked if there was interest in using bonus fruits in breakfast breaks. There was no interest expressed in this.
  - e. Café favorites-New nutritional information was distributed on café favorite items.
  - f. Presentation format – Dean asked the council about the presentation format. It was agreed to leave the format as is.
2. Processed presentation discussion

- a. United Commodity Group - Council members were interested in using bonus fruit in cups.
  - b. Roisum Elite- Council would like to look at chicken panini's and the teriyaki and beef bites. Sweet potatoes could be a net off invoice item.
  - c. GVM- Council would like to see orange chicken in February.
3. Current processing -  
Dean distributed a hand-out on current items. Grilled chicken no longer available and Uncrustables are having trouble keeping up with production.
4. ICN Commodity Ordering over the WEB -  
Dean indicated we still have school districts that do not order over the internet. Council members volunteered to mentor these school districts and help them if needed.
5. SNAI dates – June 23 and June 24 in Coralville, IA.
6. October Commodity newsletter issues/info. – Dean distributed.
7. Deliveries Current Status – Currently on schedule. The flood caused some scheduling problems, with the schools involved in the flood moved to first on the delivery schedule. Council members commented on the lack of consistency on deliveries; sometimes they are in the beginning of the cycle and sometimes at the end. Dean will talk to Keck about this matter. Also beef may be slow for awhile as the processor is having problems getting beef to the plant to process.
8. Commodity Show with SNAI-recap DM of 2008 – Dean thanked all who helped with the show and Donna Becker commented that the ultra grain flour processor will send samples to anyone who would like one. Jane then emailed the company to request all council members receive a sample.
9. Memo from school – Marge commented on the beef shortage. She received a complaint from a school district in her region who complained that the lack of raw beef will cause financial stress on her district.
10. Expenses from state conference in Des Moines – Dean explained that one nights lodging will be paid for the state conference, unless you are attending and live in the area, in which case it will not be paid.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ann Lehman, Recorder

